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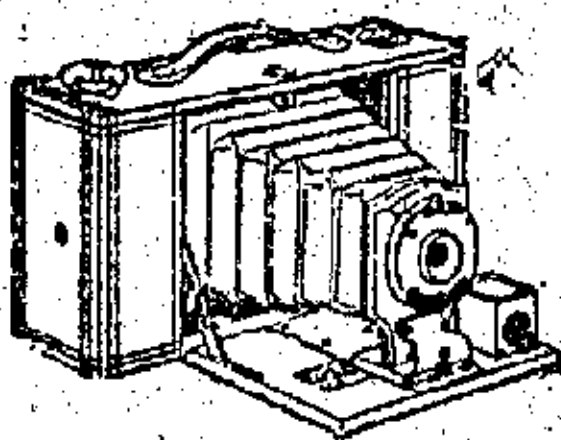


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The latest Home papers afford abundant
evidence of the wide-spread interest which
has been aroused in the provisions of the
Declaration of London. The Hon. Mr.
E. A. HEWITT, as Chairman of the Hong-
kong General Chamber of Commerce, in his
review of the past year's work of the
Chamber at the recent annual meeting of
members, indicated at some length the
leading points on which opposition is
offered by British commercial and shipping
interests to the ratification of the Declara-
tion. Among the Chambers of Commerce
and Shipping in Great Britain opposition is
practically unanimous. But there are two
sides to this as to every other question.
Prominent among supporters of the
Declaration outside the Government, is
SIR JAMES MACKAY, whose name is well-
known in the East as the negotiator of
British Commercial Treaty with China in
1903. Sir James MACKAY is one of the
few men who consider that, on the whole,
British shipping stands to gain by the
Declaration of London, but this belief seems
to rest, at least in one important particular,
upon false premises. One of the principal
objections taken to the Declaration is
that if it were to come into effect
and Great Britain were at war with a
continental nation, the curious result of

the articles bearing upon the question of
contraband would be that all foodstuffs
coming to England in neutral vessels would
be liable to capture and destruction, whilst
Britain's enemy would be at liberty to
import foodstuffs, even for the express
purpose of supporting his army, by the
simple device of having them transported
in neutral ships to neutral ports and
then importing them overland. Sir JAMES
MACKAY contends that this is a miscon-
struction of the articles in question, and
his argument, if we understand it
aright, is that foodstuffs may be
conveyed in neutral ships to Liverpool,
Hull or Bristol, or any other commercial port
without molestation so long as the goods
are not addressed to the enemy authorities
or a Government contractor or a fortified
place, or a place serving—that is, at the
moment—as a base. The answer to this
contention is supplied in an able analysis
of the Declaration by Mr. ATHELLEY JONES,
a well-known lawyer, and it may be added
a Liberal M.P., and his contribution to
the discussion happens to be published
in the same issue of the *Times* as
SIR JAMES MACKAY'S letter. Mr. JONES
refers to the commentary by a distinguished
French jurist, which is attached to the
Declaration, as being the commentary by
which the provisions will be construed and
interpreted, and he points out in the course
of his letter that M. RENAUT has defined
the word base to be not merely base of
"operations," but base of "supplies." That
fact at once destroys the argument of Sir
JAMES MACKAY, and detracts immensely
from the assurance which Mr. ASQUITH
recently gave in the House of Commons
that after the Declaration of London is
ratified it will "be impossible, without
a breach of the Declaration, for any Power
to declare all food contraband of war,
when it suits its interest to do so. In
view however, of the attitude of France
and Russia, and Japan in the naval
wars of the last quarter of a century it is
obvious that we must be prepared, either as
neutrals or belligerents to see food treated
as contraband, if the Declaration is not
signed, so that in point of fact the Decla-
ration so far as Great Britain is concerned
would appear to make but very little differ-
ence. In time of war the food supplies of
Great Britain would probably be menaced,
Declaration or no Declaration, and in the
circumstances we are impressed by the
argument that "there is but one unfailing
safeguard, the ability to maintain by
superior naval force free access to our ports
for our own and neutral vessels alike," and
to the extent that international agreement's
purporting in whatever degree to confer
immunity on foodstuffs breed such false con-
fidence they are a deadly snare. Naturally
the average layman whose judgment has
been appealed to on the question is desirous
of knowing the opinions of the Board of
Admiralty as to the effect of the Declara-
tion in a British naval war, and in view of
the strength of the controversy in commer-
cial and shipping circles, it is re-assuring to
learn from Lord MOLLAT that the general
opinion of the Admiralty is that the effect
would be "small and inconsiderable." Supported by such an opinion there would
seem to be little prospect of the Govern-
ment refusing to ratify the Declaration,
though it is premature to prophesy until
the promised debate on the Declaration in
the House of Commons has taken place.

The annual Devonian dinner takes place to-
night at the Hongkong Hotel.

A prisoner, who was committed to prison in
April last for disobeying a banishment order,
died at Victoria Gaol yesterday.

The concert by Mlle. Eva Gauthier, the French
Canadian mezzo-soprano, which was announced
for to-night, has been postponed, as Mlle.
Gauthier has not yet arrived in Hongkong.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard
accompanied by Captain Taylor, A.D.C., and
Captain Simon, Private Secretary, left on a
visit to Canton on Thursday night, travelling
by the Government launch *Stanley*.

Another of the many petty thefts to which
ships in the harbour are subject was exposed
yesterday at the Magistracy when a painter seaman
on the s.s. *Siberia* was sentenced to four days'
imprisonment and six hours in the stocks for
stealing a zinc plate.

Nine men appeared before Mr. E. R. Hallifax
at the Magistracy yesterday on three charges.
The first was making a false declaration of
particulars as to arms and ammunition on board
a junk on the 18th instant, the second was
being in possession of three muskets, 75 rifle
barrels, and 24 rounds of ammunition without a
licence from the Captain Superintendent of
Police, and the third was anchoring in a
place other than the anchorage for trading
junks. Inspector Langley appeared to prose-
cute, and Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the
defence. The hearing was adjourned, the first
defendant being admitted to bail in the sum of
\$100 and the remainder in the sum of \$20 each.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday
Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., convicted
the master of the licensed steam launch
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rules of the road in the waters of the Colony.
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A lady writing to the *Times* with reference
to an article on eunuchs in which reference is
made to the possibility of treating children medi-
cally for naughtiness says:—"This is actually
done in Japan. I had charge of some Japanese
children, and they proved unmanageable to dis-
cipline, or gave way to prolonged fits of naugh-
tiness, they were taken away for a day or two
and invariably came back to me cheerful and
good-natured. On inquiry I found they had
been massaged either once or twice, and that it
was a very generally practised remedy, all naugh-
tiness being held to proceed from a disordered
stomach."

A plot to assassinate Viscount Terachi, the
Governor-General of Chosen (Korea), has
recently been discovered. The ringleader,
a Korean, who is cousin of the assassin of the
late Prince Ito, and four accomplices are under
arrest. The arrest of other accomplices, who
are members of the anti-Japanese Association in
the coast province of Eastern Siberia, is
virtually impracticable, so that great difficulty is
experienced in the investigation of the case.
Information has it that the would-be assassin
has been urged by his compatriots to the execu-
tion of the plot in order to give effect to the
will of his cousin.

Military manoeuvres were carried out at
Singapore last week. The general idea was
that Great Britain is at war with a combination
of European Powers. Two hostile transports,
sighted by a cruiser, have been reported in the
Malacca Straits steaming in the direction of
Singapore. The scheme envisaged a landing by
a hostile force, represented by a half battalion
of The Buffs, at some point on the coast during
the night of March 18, the actual point of dis-
embarkation being unknown except to the officer
commanding the raiding force. That portion
of the garrison allotted for the defence of the
land front were to be at certain stations, and
the S. V. Corps were to form a part of this latter
force.

A correspondent of a Peking contemporary
writes:—"The plague seems to be coming on us
from the north-east through the passes of the
Great Wall. A soldier acquaintance of mine
called last Thursday and said that he left Hu
Po K'ou, 220 li north of here, nine days before.
At that time there had been some thirty or forty
deaths in his own camp and many more among
the people around. He said they called it
cholera, but he gave the characteristic symptoms
of the pest. So far as he knew no one had any
idea of isolating the sick, much less contacts.
He said that there was much of it all along
the route through Jehol, at least as far as Pa
Kon. It is to be hoped that the authorities
will take measures to guard the city from that
direction and to keep it beyond the wall if
possible. The task of dealing with the disease
in all that great stretch of interior is certainly
on Herculean scale."

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO'S
MEETING.

We understand that the meeting of share-
holders in the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.,
which takes place at 11.30 this morning at the
offices of the General Managers, St. George's
Building, will be more than usually interesting.
Matters of considerable interest are coming up
for discussion, and the attendance of share-
holders promises to be very much larger than is
customary.

THE AMATEUR BILLIARD
CHAMPIONSHIP.

MR. E. H. HINDS AN UNSUCCESSFUL
COMPETITOR.

In connection with the qualifying
competition for the London section
of the Amateur Billiard Championships,
the meeting of Mr. E. H. Hinds (formerly
of Hongkong and last year's winner of the
Metropolitan section) and the youthful cousin,
Mr. A. W. Sellar, attracted a good company to
Messrs. Cox and Yeman's Salon, Brompton-road,
S.W. In the opening stages Mr. Sellar, by ex-
cellent play, established a useful lead, breaks of
69 and 37 causing the scores to be called 128-
28 in his favour. Mr. Hinds was some time
in finding his form, and Mr. Sellar, with a
nice run of 38, increased his advantage to
200 points at 305 to 105. Mr. Hinds then
showed improved form, and runs of 45, 24, and
21, to Mr. Sellar's 27, enabled him to make up
much of his heavy. The concluding stages in
the afternoon were very interesting, Mr. Hinds
making 41 and 39 (off the red) and Mr. Sellar
38 and 28 (unsuccessful). Interval score:—Mr.
A. W. Sellar, 502; Mr. E. H. Hinds, 419.
There was a capital tussle at night, Mr. Hinds
totalling 518 to 498, and only suffering defeat
by 65. Mr. Sellar made breaks of 44, 37, 30,
65, and 49, to Mr. Hinds' best of 49, 95, and 54.
Final scores:—Mr. Sellar, 1,000; Mr. Hinds,
937.

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THE BAGDAD RAILWAY.

LONDON, March 24th.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs, replying to
a question in the House of Commons,
said that any agreement made must
ensure that the Bagdad railway,
including branches, shall be open to
British trade free from preferential
treatment. The British position in the
Persian Gulf in relation to India
must be safeguarded.

THE POSITION IN PERSIA.

LONDON, March 24th.

Referring in the House of Com-
mons to the present position of affairs
in Persia, Sir Edward Grey stated
that the Anglo-Russian Agreement
was no wise detrimental to the in-
dependence and integrity of Persia.
It alone prevented interference in
Persian affairs during all the period
of chaos. So long as Persia convinces
the Government that she is doing her
best to put her house in order they
would not press her with inconvenient
requests nor raise difficulties.

RUSSIAN POLITICS.

LONDON, March 23rd.

M. Stolypin is to remain in office
as the result of pressure applied by
the Tsar and the Dowager-Empress.
This is regarded as strengthening
immensely the hands of the Reform
Party by checking the intrigues of
reactionaries.

PEERAGE FOR MR. HALDANE.

CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The Right Hon. Mr. R. B. Haldane,
Minister for War, has been created
a Viscount.

Colonel Seely leaves the office of
Under-Secretary of State for the
Colonies to become Under-Secretary
for War.

Lord Lucas, Under-Secretary for
War, goes to the office of Under-
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* Guide to the House
of Commons describes the gentlemen men-
tioned in the following terms:—

Mr. Richard Burdon Haldane has achieved
success as a Minister, no less than that which
he gained by profiting the profession of the
Bar, and, although he has not succeeded in
raising quite the size of an Army that we re-
quire, he has vastly improved the morale of the
land forces, and increased their efficiency during
his four years at the War Office. Born in
Edinburgh in 1856, and of a clever family, he
developed the national taste for metaphysics,
and after a laureate career at Edinburgh Uni-
versity, supplemented by a trip to Göttingen,
translated Schopenhauer, and published "Essays
in Philosophic Criticism." He went to the Bar
in 1879, and has achieved eminence on the
Chancery side, while he has always kept the
public eye, and has gained an influence in 1885,
and has gained an influence in the House of
Commons quite disproportionate to his demands
on Huxford. Although he is "Dad," as he
is always been an active upholder of the Rosbury
influence, and his industry scarcely contributed
to the comfort of Sir William Stourmont's brief
leadership. He has explored many regions of
politics in a philosophic spirit, and has many
number of plans in his head for the better
organization of the Empire and its inhabitants.
One of the best known relates to the reform of
the House of Lords and the Privy Council, so as
to bring into existence an Ultimate Court of
Appeal for the Empire. He is one of the
founders of the British Science Guild for the
propagation of exact thinking, and he is alive to
the danger of eroding "work" for the unem-
ployed. He is an authority on explosives, but
he has never been married.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Edward Bernard
Seely is the youngest son of Sir Charles Seely,
Trinity College, Cambridge, he was called to the
Bar at the Inner Temple in 1897. He is a
Colonel in the Hampshire Cavalry, and was
a member of the Imperial Yeomanry in South
Africa, when, in May, 1900, Sir Richard Web-
ster was raised to the peerage, and a vacancy
occurred in the representation of the Isle of
Wight. In spite of his absence—which doubt-
less made the electoral heart grow fonder—and
with the help of his wife (who is the daughter
of Colonel the Hon. H. Crofton), Captain Seely,
by a four-fifths majority, was elected, and was
by the then Government returned to the House
of Commons as a Liberal member for the Aber-
cromby Division of Liverpool. He is able,
although his style is sometimes a trifle "lucid"
for the House of Commons, and he succeeded
Mr. Churchill as Under-Secretary for the
Colonies in 1908. In January, 1910, he was
elected from Liverpool, and had room made for
him in Tikeston by the retirement of Sir Walter
Pater.

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A JAPANESE LOAN TO CHINA.

PEKING, March 24th.

The Yokohama Specie Bank has
signed an agreement with the
Ministry of Finance for a loan of
10,000,000 yen.

The loan is intended to meet the
deficit in the general expenditure.

Five per cent. bonds of the Ministry
of Finance will be issued in Japan,
independent of the railway security.

It is considered that this loan does
not affect pending loans.

LOCAL SPORT.

FIXTURES AT A GLANCE.

T. J. ANGLAR CRICKET LEAGUE.

H.K.C.C. (Civilians) v. Garrison.

H.K.C.C. Ground, 2 p.m.

Team.

Civilians:—R. Hancock, H. Hancock, R. E. O.

Bird, T. E. Pearce, H. D. Sharpin, C. T.

Hess, A. A. Claxton, S. S. Moore, Rav. S. W.

Payne, M. M. Mas and D. E. Donnelly.

CRICKET LEAGUE.

The match between R.G.A. and Civil Service

has been cancelled.

SHIELD FOOTBALL (FINAL).

K.O.Y.L.I. v. Naval Yard.

Happy Valley.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial
and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge
with thanks the following donations to the funds
of the Hospitals:—

Colonial Government	\$300
Zoroastrian Charity Fund	100
F. Lieb, Esq.	25
Sir H. May, Kt.	25
Yokohama Specie Bank	25
Japan-China-Japan-Lia	25
H. W. Slade, Esq.	25
H. W. Slade, Esq.	25
W. Murray Scott, Esq.	20
Krusse & Co.	20
F. Bornemann, Esq.	20
Hon. Mr. E. Osborne	20
Aratoun V. Apeur & Co.	20
Ma Ying Fung, Esq.	20
Frank Graham, Esq.	15
Montague Eds, Esq.	15
Gaupp & Co.	15
E. Blakely, Esq.	15
Patell & Co.	15
J. R. Michael & Co.	15
C. Abdulla & Co.	11
L. Gibbs, Esq.	10
D. W. Craddock, Esq.	10
A. Becker, Esq.	10
Ma Wing Chan, Esq.	10
A. Rogers, Esq.	10
D. Templeton, Esq.	10
Mrs. Mohler	10
N. Mody & Co.	10
J. M. Alvas & Co.	10
Weissmann & Co.	10
Kelly & Walsh	10
Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson	10
Arnold & Co.	10
D'Almeida & Smith	10
Agard & Co.	10
Lam Jack Sing	2

SHANGHAI PLAGUE PREVENTION
COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Plague Prevention Com-
mittee, which was held at the German Consulate
General, Shanghai, on Friday last, there were
present, Dr. P. von Buri (Chairman), Messrs.
E. D. H. Fraser, A. Ariyoshi, P. E. Merrill, D.
Lendale, J. N. Jameson, Mackay, W. Carlson,
Shen Tan-ho, J. O. Anderson, and Dr. Stanley.
Mr. Ariyoshi stated that he had received an
official report from Port Arthur to the effect
that there was no plague there and that the
same measures were taken against plague
as at Tientsin. He therefore proposed that
Port Arthur be placed on the same footing
as Tientsin as regards vessels coming from
that port. (It will be remembered that the cor-
respondence on this subject was printed in the
"Municipal Gazette" of March 16. The Com-
mittee on March 6 was of opinion that it would
not be advisable then to apply the procedure
put in force against ships coming from Tientsin
to ships coming from Port Arthur.) The pro-
posal was now agreed to. Mr. Merrill (Com-
missioner of Customs) read a telegram from the
Chamber of Commerce at Chefoo stating that
rats were not infested and therefore there was
no danger of cargoes conveying the plague.
He read another letter to the same effect
from the Commissioner of Customs, and pro-
posed that vessels from Chefoo whose crews had
not been on shore there, and carrying no
passengers, or only first-class passengers having
certificates endorsed by the Commissioner of
Customs that they had not been exposed to
infection for five days prior to embarkation,
be allowed to come up the Shanghai after
medical examination at Wusung without
quarantine. This proposal was unanimously
agreed to. Mr. Merrill also reported that
he had received reports from Newchwang
and Antung that there was no plague there
and he proposed that these ports be placed on
the same basis as Tientsin and Chinwangtao.
This was agreed to. As to night work, he moved
that in case of vessels coming from Tientsin,
Chefoo and all the other ports which had pre-
viously been furnished with prohibition of unloading
at night might be relaxed at the discretion of
the Harbour Master. This was also agreed to.
It was also decided that through passengers
from Europe in possession of certificates show-
ing that they had not been exposed to infection
be exempted from detention at Tientsin.—*N.C.*
Daily News.

MOTOR DRIVER CHARGED WITH
MANSLAUGHTER.

At the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E.
R. Hallifax the hearing of a charge of man-
slaughter against a Filipino named Angel
Henriques was resumed. He was accused of
having on the 20th March, killed a Chinese
named Chan Wai by knocking him down while
driving a motor car. Inspector Robertson
prosecuted.

Dr. Moore stated that deceased died an hour
after admission to the hospital in an uncon-
scious condition. There were signs of fracture
of the base of the skull and there was a maddy
mark on the abdomen which might have been
caused by the wheel of a motor car. A post-
mortem examination showed that the spleen had
been ruptured, the base of the skull fractured in
two places and the brain lacerated. Death was
due to shock.

A Chinese constable testified to seeing the
motor car dash into one of a party of coolies
who had landed at Jardine's wharf. Witnesses
others pulled him from underneath the car. The
car then went on. It was travelling faster than
an electric tram.

After the accident a European got down from
the car, looked at the injured man and then went
on in the car again. The coolies did not try to
get hold of the car.

His Worship commented on the inconsisten-
cies of the evidence given by witness, and In-
spector Robertson said witness had not been long
in the force.

P. C. Grant deposed to going to the motor
depot in Des Voeux Road, where he saw the
manager who told him that the reason defendant
did not stop the car was that he was afraid the
coolies would attack him and the passengers in
the car advised him to go on. Witness then
arrested defendant.

Defendant stated that on the afternoon in
question the car was only going about four or
five miles an hour along Connaught Road. He
was blowing the horn when he saw deceased
about two yards away. Deceased was crossing
the road in such a way that he was making
straight for the car. He was running without
looking. When witness pulled up the car
deceased was underneath. The car stopped
about ten minutes, during which time
the passenger got down and saw to
the deceased. A constable then took the
number of the car and, on the advice of his
passenger, he proceeded. Witness afterwards
told his master what had occurred.

A Chinese boy, who was in the car at the time
of the accident, said when the horn was sounded
all the coolies with the exception of deceased
stopped where they were, but deceased continued
to run on, and the driver seeing that at once
stopped the car, but it was too late, as deceased
had come in contact with the car.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday

afternoon in order that further witnesses for
the defence might be called. Bail was fixed at
\$500.

A CHINESE PRISON.

The *Peking Daily News* publishes the follow-
ing letter from the Rev. Frank L. Norris, of
Peking:—

Sir,—May I ask for space in your paper to
ventilate a grievance on behalf of some who
have no means of making the complaint heard
otherwise? Yangtzeing is a district town fifty
miles south of Peking, its magistracy is under
the Shun-tien-fu. Rumours reached us
the other day of several suspicious deaths,
chiefly in the goal of the Yamen. Being not
naturally anxious to ascertain if these were
due to the plague, we were very glad to be able
to send down a competent English doctor, Dr.
Rivington, to investigate. He returned to
Peking and reported that the deaths in
question were not due to plague, but to a very
infectious and severe form of influenza,
brought on by the utterly insanitary condition
of the Yamen Gaol. The magistracy, however,
ly allowed Dr. Rivington to enter and inspect
the prisoners' quarters. There were three rooms.
In one, on the kang, was a wooden cage with
8 or 9 men in it, all crowded together and not
allowed out for any purposes. In another,
a similar cage with only seven men, but one of
them ill with this complaint. In the third
room (about ten feet by eighteen) there was a
kang at one end with eleven men on it. They
were all utterly filthy—five of them were sick
with the complaint; others had been ill and one
had died; one was covered with abscesses, three
were shivering with cold, and all were miser-
ably weak.

He learnt that the sickness had been prevalent
about three weeks, some of those who had fallen
sick had been sent home; several had died, and
in more than one case they had given the in-
fection to their relations who had likewise
died.

Is it possible, sir, to induce the authorities
to make some reforms in this matter? I am
informed that a special commissioner was sent
down the other day from the Shun-tien-fu—a
native doctor, I believe—who said the mat-
ter was quite unimportant, and advised
that no foreign medicine be allowed to
the sick, and who expressed his opinion that
nothing need be done. But surely one thing
could be done at once, and ought to be done:
the goal buildings should be pulled down and
new and clean ones put up. Not to do that
now, in this case, is to court a minor plague
in the name of Law. The local Yamen-shu is
anxious that something be done, but the magis-
trate, influenced no doubt by the special com-
missioner, refuses to do anything.—Yours, etc.,
FRANK L. NORRIS.

Peking, March 10.

EXTENSION OF THE SIBERIAN
RAILWAY.

It is reported that the Russian Government
contemplates improving the lines of the Siberian
Railway and creating duplicate approaches
both in European Russia and the Far East.
When these works are completed, in 1915, the
Siberian Railway somewhat over 2,200,000,000
which includes both cost of construction and
loss on its working. In exchange for this
Russia will have a complete double-track system
from the Urals to the Pacific, with double
approaches, of a total length of 6,844 miles.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, March 24th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

Before His Honour Mr. F. A. HAZELAND
(ACTING PRINCIPAL JUDGE).

A SCHOOL TEACHER'S CLAIM.

The case was again mentioned in which Thomas O'Kane sued the Anglo-Chinese Education Trust Co., Ltd., to recover \$400.80.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, who appeared for the plaintiff, asked his Lordship to fix an early date. His Lordship—Is it a short cause?

Mr. Otto Kong Sing (for the defendants)—I don't think it will take long.

His Lordship (to Mr. Gardiner)—You go on at your own risk. You run the risk of having your suit dismissed.

Mr. Gardiner—Quite so.

His Lordship fixed the hearing for Wednesday, 29th instant.

CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.

Action was brought by Ng Un Chuen against To Tin to recover an amount due for money lent.

Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, who appeared for plaintiff, asked his Lordship to fix a day, as it was a short cause.

His Lordship—What is the action?

Mr. Almeida—The claim is for money lent. His Lordship—Such cases usually take a very long time. It might be advisable to adjourn it for a week so that the parties can come to terms about instalments.

Mr. Almeida—My client objects to instalments.

His Lordship adjourned the case for a week to give the parties an opportunity to come to terms.

AN ESTATE IN DIFFICULTIES.

Three actions were filed against the Kwong Shing Loo firm in which the plaintiffs claimed a total of \$689.18.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who represented the defendants, asked his Lordship to direct a stay of proceedings, as the Official Receiver had applied that morning for the estate to be administered in bankruptcy.

Mr. Lewis (for plaintiffs)—Perhaps your Lordship will adjourn the cases for a week?

His Lordship—Yes.

A SLANDER ACTION.

His Lordship delivered his reserved decision in the action brought by Wong Tsz Kin, gentleman, against Chui Mui Tai, spinster, to recover \$1,000 for alleged slander.

The statement of claim set forth that the plaintiff suffered damage through the defendant falsely and maliciously speaking words which meant, "You think you are very respectable, but in the middle of the night you broke into your mother's room and stole a trunk of clothing."

There was a counter-claim by defendant against the plaintiff and his wife for the return of certain articles of jewellery lent by her to the first defendant for the use of the second defendant which had been converted to their own use by the defendants. Failing the return of the articles she claimed for their value, \$465.90.

Mr. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist, appeared for the defendant.

His Lordship said, with respect to the slander, that the sole question was for him to fix the damage, and he fixed the amount at \$150. With reference to the counter-claim, his decision was in favour of the defendant for the simple reason that he believed her story to be the true one. His Lordship disbelieved the plaintiff's story entirely, while the evidence of the aunt with respect to the bangle which she stated she lent to the defendant created a very unfavourable impression in his mind. He believed the defendant's story entirely. He did not propose to belabour the question of the evidence, but as he was satisfied that defendant's story was true, judgment would be in her favour. There would be judgment for the plaintiff on the claim for \$150, and on the counter-claim he would make an order for the return of the goods mentioned therein, or in default thereof judgment would be made in favour of the plaintiff. The action against Wong Ya Shi (plaintiff's wife) would be dismissed with costs.

THE HANYANG NEEDLE FACTORY

CLOSED DOWN.

The *Hankow Daily News* says:—

As we intimated recently, the Hanyang Needle Factory has closed down, and a venture upon which many thousands of taels was most unwisely spent is now probably doomed to pass into oblivion.

Residents in Hankow will remember perhaps how, when the needle factory was first opened by the Government, considerable ado was made and much prophesying indulged in—it was hoped the venture would prove a successful financial speculation. The latest British machinery was laid in, experts from home were brought out, the wealth of the gods was lavished upon the undertaking to bring it up to date and every one was optimistic until a start was made. Then it was found that the concern was destined to be a mere loss, in which only the Chinese were to have power. Men brought out from home presumably to hold posts were given no power whatever, "queuing" thrived magnificently, one by one the Europeans left for home, until at last the crash came, and we understand the last European has now left for home and the place is closed down.

As this was a Government speculation, it is surely the duty of the authorities to make enquiries into the matter. Thousands of pounds of public money has been wasted, the grossest mismanagement is reported, and altogether the Hanyang Needle Factory is a flagrant sample of Chinese bungling, notorious only for showing most pointedly how needle factories should not be run. We have before seen the Hanyang Needle Factory quoted by writers on Chinese reform as a sample of what China can do!

LATE TELEGRAMS.

[FROM SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS.]

BARON SWAYTHLING'S WILL.

London, March 24th.

Baron Swaythling left £1,150,000.

London, March 25th.

Lord Swaythling left £500,000 for starting various Jewish charities, and the remainder to his family. Requests are made to his children contingent on their professing the Jewish religion and marrying Jews.

A codicil directs that two of his six daughters shall have three-fourths of their interest if they assist in the movement of liberal Judaism.

ABANDONING THE SAXONY ARMS.

London, March 24th.

King George has ordered arms representing the Principality of Wales to replace the arms of the House of Saxony for the Prince of Wales' escutcheon.

MORMONISM IN ENGLAND.

London, March 24th.

Mr. Winston Churchill, replying to questions, said that he was seriously enquiring into the propagation of Mormonism at Liverpool.

ANTI-GAMBLING AND BOOKMAKING BILL IN HOLLAND.

London, March 24th.

The Hague Bill dealing with betting and bookmakers is being keenly opposed at Middleburg and Flushing, where English bookmakers who have evaded the English restrictions employ large staffs and contribute largely to local economy.

Petitions are being presented urging the First Chamber to reject the measure.

THE HOME RULE UNION REVIVED.

London, March 24th.

The Home Rule Union has been revived under the presidency of Mr. Winston Churchill. The Union is organising a campaign of two thousand meetings throughout Great Britain.

THE FINAL INTER-DOMINION TEST MATCH.

London, March 24th.

Renter wires from Sydney that Australia won the fifth Test Match by seven wickets. The South Africans, who followed on, completed their second innings for 401. In the first they scored 160.

The Australian's scores were 364 and 198 for three wickets.

THE DAVIS LAWN TENNIS CUP.

London, March 24th.

In the draw made for the lawn tennis contest for the Davis Cup, America plays South Africa, and the winner plays England. The match must be played off in time to permit of a challenge round against Australasia, the holder, to be played off in New Zealand in December.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF UGANDA.

London, March 24th.

Mr. Frederick-John Jackson, C.B., C.M.G., Lieutenant-Governor of East Africa, has been appointed Governor of Uganda.

ANOTHER GOLD FIND IN WEST AUSTRALIA.

London, March 24th.

The West Australian Mines Department has received a report of a find at the Yilgum gold fields of a hole ten feet wide—the walls not reached—which assays from 2½ to 3½ ounces, averaging 4 ounces.

GALA PERFORMANCE IN LONDON.

London, March 24th.

The King has commanded a dramatic entertainment at Drury Lane on May 17th in honour of the German Emperor and Empress.

The same programme as at the Coronation gala performance at His Majesty's Theatre will be gone through.

GERMANY AND THE VATICAN.

Berlin, March 24th.

A debate took place in the Prussian Diet yesterday on the relations between Prussia and the Vatican.

In the course of a speech Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Prussian Premier, said that the recent decision of the Roman Curia, especially the imposition of the anti-modernist oath on Catholic professors, had caused profound feeling in Germany. He had informed the Curia that responsibility for conflicts which might arise would fall on the Vatican alone. The pronouncements of the Pope had not conducted to peace between the Church and the State, but the Government would persevere and was maintaining the Prussian Legation at the Vatican in the hope that the present situation was merely transitory.

THE CORONATION AND THE TROOPS.

London, March 24th.

Lord Kitchener has been appointed to command the troops in London at the Coronation.

KING GEORGE'S VISIT TO INDIA.

London, March 24th.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that the King will be absent on his visit to India probably from the middle of November until the end of January.

LORD KITCHENER AS FARMER.

Nombas, March 24th.

Speaking at a luncheon at Nakuru, Sir Edward Grey Girdwood mentioned that Lord Kitchener was so struck with the prospects of the Protectorate that he had applied for land and was returning later in the year to develop it.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF MR. ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER.

London, March 24th.

Mr. Asquith has suddenly left for Lutterworth, where his daughter, Elizabeth, is ill with double pneumonia.

A POLICE "OFF-DUTY" CELEBRATION.

London, March 24th.

The police practice dances were brought to a conclusion at the West Point Police Station last night by a fancy dress ball. But the ball was significant of more than the end of the dancing season. It was also made the occasion of a "farewell" to Inspector Robertson, who is leaving for home on pension. The combined functions were celebrated last night, and while the last dance of the season would have attracted a large crowd, there can be no doubt that the exceptionally large number in attendance was partially due to the desire of those present to embrace the opportunity to take public leave of Inspector Robertson and his wife, who could claim a long-standing friendship with most of those present. In addition to the Oriental dresses worn, there were dancers garbed as backwoodsman, Continental fisher girls, Scots lasses, Kings of Diamonds, clowns and others. Altogether, the various costumes made a picturesque scene, and the care the police took of their guests, and their unbounded hospitality, left nothing to be desired to make the evening what it proved to be—an unqualified success.

THE LIAO RIVER.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT AT NEW-CHWANG.

The present commercial importance of the Liao River, which joins the sea near Newchwang, or Yinkow, as it is called, is seriously threatened by diversion of its trade to the South Manchurian Railway owing to difficulties of navigation, while the depth across the bar at Newchwang is not sufficient except for coasting vessels.

Newchwang is the principal port for the soya bean industry, and immediate improvements to the river both at this port and along its navigable course are therefore necessary—a fact of which both British and Chinese merchants are well aware. Schemes for such improvements have been considered, and a Special Correspondent of *The Times*, recently at Newchwang, obtained the following data in relation to such improvements:—

The Liao River rises in Mongolia some 150 miles north-west of Shantung, and pursues an extremely tortuous course till it joins the sea near Newchwang. It is navigable from Tan-chungling for native boats for a distance of over 500 miles (though only 180 miles as the crow flies), or 11 days boat journey to Newchwang.

The upper part of the river is obstructed by numerous shoals and sandbanks, and owing to this it is only navigable for small boats after heavy rains melting snows; but notwithstanding these difficulties an enormous trade was formerly carried by it, 40,000 junks having been employed at one time in carrying beans and other produce from Newchwang. The river at the place where navigation is first possible is 100 ft. wide, extending to a width of 1,600 ft. at Newchwang, where its waters are tidal.

The port of Newchwang for many years has been the principal place for the shipment of beans from North China, but its trade has been relatively diminished lately owing to the completion of the South Manchurian Railway with the river traffic and the superior facilities offered by the port of Dairen for ocean-going steamers, the depth across the bar at Newchwang not being sufficient for any but coasting vessels.

DEEPENING THE CHANNEL.

The new direction the bean trade has taken in exports to Europe direct, besides its diversion for local consumption in Chinese and Japanese ports, also threatens to remove the export trade entirely from Newchwang. To obviate this the Chinese Government, at the suggestion of the local Chambers of Commerce, supported by the works of deepening the bar and improving the channel of the river in its upper reaches.

As regards the bar, following the course of the river from a point near Duck Island bend down to the sea, it will be seen that deep water varying from 24 ft. to 40 ft. at low tide extends all the way till the channel on the west side of the river opposite the Flag Staff beacon is reached. Here it shoals suddenly from 22 ft. to 16 ft., and even to 10 ft. opposite the entrance. A few words it does not regain its depth for nearly a mile, when it approaches the Middle Bank beacon. From thence onwards for a distance of about five miles it deepens again to about 25 ft. at low tide, till a point is reached opposite another channel opening up in a southerly direction between the middle and outer banks. Here it shoals rapidly to 10 ft., 8 ft., and 7 ft., and continues at about that depth for another four miles, when it joins the sea in 20 ft. of water at low tide.

The bar proper may be considered as about a mile in width, with 7 ft. to 8 ft. depth at low tide, with a hard bottom composed of fine sand mixed with shells. The water rises about 12 ft. at spring tides, so that in ordinary spring tides drawing 19 ft. The contemplated improvement of the river will have for its object the provision of deeper water at the entrance in order that larger ships may be able to come in.

The first and most important work of improvement to the Liao will be to deepen the river across the bar from near the junction of the South Channel to the sea, increasing the depth by 5 ft. This will be done by means of dredging with a suction cutting dredge. The rough water prevailing on the bar will no doubt cause much delay and be an impediment to continuous working, but the conditions are no worse than in many other instances where bars have been removed by this means.

The cost of the bar improvement and certain defensive works to prevent erosion at Duck Island bend will be defrayed by a small increase of Customs and shipping dues.

Though these works will be of inestimable advantage to the port in enabling it to keep its share of the trade, yet they will be of little use unless the upper river is also put in order, and this work is being taken in hand by the Imperial Chinese Government at its own expense, a special grant being made for the purpose.

THE SHWANGTAITZE CHANNEL.

One of the principal of these works of the upper river is the reclamation of what is known as the Shwangsaitze Channel, a new course direct to the sea which was cut out by the Liao River during severe floods some 12 years ago. It starts from a place called Tang-Chia Wo-Pu, some 85 miles above Newchwang, and passes out to the sea below Shwangsaitze village—a distance of about 60 miles from where the stream bifurcates and 90 miles from Newchwang. It became an insignificant drain, till it has become the main river, 66 per cent. more water going down that way than via Newchwang, the new course being 500 ft. wide and much deeper than the Liao. The river was abstracting so much water from the Liao in increasing quantity as to render navigation extremely difficult at all seasons and impossible for a greater part of the year. In this way Newchwang was threatened with the loss of the river traffic on which it depends for its existence.

It was resolved, therefore, partially to close the Shwangsaitze branch by building a weir across till there was a *man-made* depth of 4 ft. in the Liao at the bifurcation. In this way the Liao for native boats from there to Newchwang, the weir has been built on a diversion, a bend of the river being taken advantage of for this purpose, and it is very solidly constructed of rubble masonry in Portland cement mortar. It is provided with two sluices for the benefit of people living on the Shwangsaitze branch below the weir, so as to give them a certain amount of water in the driest season. The other obstructions to the river are being dealt with by dredging.It has been exceedingly fortunate that at this critical period of its affairs Newchwang has had the advantage of a capable and energetic Chinese official as Tao-tai or local governor, Mr. C. L. Chow, and it is owing to the support given by him that these works are being carried out so effectively. The works are designed and are being executed by Mr. W. E. Hughes, M. Inst. C.E.—*The Times*.

HIS MAJESTY'S CORONATION.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: ANOTHER VERSE.

A set of Coronation hymns, published by Messrs. Skeffington, has been submitted to His Majesty the King and Queen, who have graciously accepted their dedication. There are ten hymns in all, with words written by the Bishop of Durham, the Dean of Westminster, the Rev. S. Baring Gould, Canon A. C. Ainger, and others. The musical setting has been supplied by Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir George Martin, Sir Walter Parratt, Sir George Elvey, Mr. John Stiel, or, and a few musicians besides, including Mr. Martin Skeffington, who has in one case supplied an alternative version to the music of Sir Frederick Bridge. To these hymns we will come presently. Meanwhile it is interesting to notice that Mr. Martin Skeffington has supplied a new verse for the National Anthem. The familiar, much-loved, but somewhat imperfect poem which we call "God Save the King" has often been amended and corrected—not probably, would to alter the melody, which has been composed by John Bull, Mus.D., in 1766, for a dinner given to James I., at Morbach's Tavern, Hall, for that melody has not only become part and parcel of our national life, but has, as everyone knows, been adopted for the German National Anthem ("Heil dir im Siegerkranz"), and also for the Danish. But the text of the hymn is undoubtedly capable of some emendations. The new verse for the National Anthem by Mr. Martin S. Skeffington runs thus:

With England's Crown to-day
We hail our King, and pray
God save the King!Guide him in happiness,
Guard him in storm and stress,
Then in Thy kingdom bring
And crown our King!

Among the more important features of the new collection are the hymn written by the Bishop of Durham and the Dean of Westminster's Coronation Hymn. In both cases the music has been supplied by Sir Frederick Bridge, who has used simple and steady chords so as to make the whole composition widely popular, as well as effective. Some of the Bishop of Durham's verses read very well, being replete with dignity and power:

Lo, the King in state and splendour
Bears the Crown upon his brow;
Chiefs and Princes homage render,
Kneeling for the knightly vow;
Lord of Lords, be his defender,
Save him ever, save him now.

And there is much that is both well conceived and well expressed in the following:

Stead and arduous is the glory
Symbol'd by the regal gold;
Endless service is its story,
Toil and vigil manifold.

The Dean of Westminster's hymn is perhaps, more ambitious, and written in a more complex metre. With a good deal of eloquence the Dean describes some of the ceremonies in the Coronation Service, drawing, of course, the appropriate moral, as, for instance, in the following:

His head, heart, hands, Thy unceasing over-
flowing.
Hallows him now to sit upon his throne;
Consecrate him strength and government be-
stowing.
Making his kingship shadow forth Thine own;Thy holy oil his face shall cheer,
And fill him with Thy holy fear.

But no hymn in the series is worthier notice than that composed by Canon Ainger, and set to music by Sir Walter Parratt. It opens with the following quatrain:

O God, Who, in the days of old,
Didst raise up David from the fold;
Who didst to David's son impart
A wise and understanding heart—

In simplicity and force, and in that rhythmic ease which every good hymn should possess, no part of the collection attains a greater measure of success than this. Some years ago, the story goes, three or four learned men, including Professor Jowett, determined to make a selection of hymns, which should be as good as a library point of view as they were from the devotional. After some time the collaborators met only to find that each had chosen but one hymn, and that the same splendid poem, "O God, our help in ages past," This has clearly served as exemplar for the hymn of Dr. Ainger.

It is unnecessary, perhaps, to go through the various items in the new collection, for each one possesses a full right to appear in a service of praise designed to honour the King. We will only add that one or two of the hymns are especially suitable to be sung by children. For instance, there is the following, the words of which are by the Rev. George Ellerton, and the music by Sir John Goss:

English people, lift your voices
To our Father's throne on high!
Many a land to-day rejoices,
Many a coast proclaims the cry—
God save the King!Dusky Indian, strong Australian,
Western forest, Southern sea,
None are wanting, none are alien,
All in one great prayer agree—
God save the King!We have quoted the first two out of six spirited and well-written verses.—*Daily Telegraph*.

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY.

A circular despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies published in the *Government Gazette* of the Straits Settlements states:—"I have the honour to inform you that it is the wish of His Majesty the King that his birthday should be officially celebrated in his dominions beyond the seas on the actual date of the anniversary, viz., June 3."

LORD CREWE'S ILLNESS.

Sir Victor Horsley was called in to attend on Lord Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the 24th inst.

A bulletin was issued stating that Lord Crewe is suffering from inflammation of the brain, but is steadily progressing towards recovery. Consequently, however, will necessarily be in the House of Lords, Lord Ampthill in the absence of Lord Lansdowne, who was suffering from a cold, expressed the deep regret of the Opposition at the cause of Lord Crewe's absence. Circumstances, Lord Ampthill said, had imposed an intolerable burden of work and responsibility on Lord Crewe, and everyone admired the great gallantry, devotion and cheerful equanimity with which he bore it until his health and strength failed. He hoped that his absence would be brief.

Lord Morley said that his side of the House was most grateful for Lord Ampthill's tribute. The House knew how deeply the Ministerial staff felt the prospect of Lord Crewe's absence. There never was a time when the absence of a leader of his quality was a greater loss to the House.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth in their weekly share report dated 24th March state:—

During the past week our market has ruled more or less inactive, and there is little of importance to report either in respect of local stocks or "Rubber." Fine Hard Para Rubber after declining to 6/3½ per lb. in London, advanced to 6/8 yesterday, but is again lower to-day at 6/6 per lb. with sellers prevailing. There is no change in the Bank of England and open market rates of discount, which remain at 3 per cent. and 2½ per cent. respectively. Bar Silver close at 21½d. per oz. steady, and T. T. on London at 1/3½d. The T. T. rate on Shanghai is unchanged at 7/8.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have been booked at \$893 and \$885, closing with buyers at the former rate and probable small sellers at the latter. London comes somewhat lower at \$244 10/.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have hardened and can now be placed at \$840. The Society announces that, subject to audit, the directors will recommend at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders that a final dividend of \$20 per share be paid for account 1909, making \$50 per share for the year, an interim dividend of \$30 per share for 1910, and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory premium. They will further recommend that \$10,000 be paid to Sterling Reserve Fund, leaving \$481,000 to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account, thus closing the account for 1909. China Traders have also advanced, and can now be placed at \$120. Subject to audit the directors of this Company will recommend at a final dividend of \$4 per share be paid for account 1909, making \$7 for the year, an interim dividend of \$4 per share for 1910, and a bonus of 20 per cent. on contributory premium. They will further recommend that \$10,000 be paid to Sterling Reserve Fund, leaving \$225,358.20 to be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense account, thus closing the account for 1909. Cantons have been booked at \$180 and North China at \$155, the latter closing with buyers in the North at \$153.

FIRE INSURANCE.—Chinas have again been done at \$119, closing steadily. Hongkong has been obtained at \$335, but have not been dealt in during the interval.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao are procurable at \$293 after small sales at somewhat under this figure. Indo-China continues in request at \$60 for preferred and deferred combined, and there are buyers also of China and Manila at \$84. Douglas is quiet at \$19, and Star Ferries at \$23 and \$12 for the old and new issues respectively. Shell Transports have advanced to 90/ buyers, but no business has transpired.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have been sold at \$103 and \$103½, market closing with buyers at \$103 and sellers at \$105. Lurons after sales at \$20 close in further request.

MINING.—Chinese Engineerings are slightly lower with sales at \$15, 12½ and probably further sellers. Rubbers and Charbonnages are unchanged at last week's quotations and without local business.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Wharves Docks have been neglected during the interval, and close with sellers at \$54. Kowloon Wharves after further sales at \$52 down to \$50 close with sellers at the former rate. New Amoy Docks, Shanghai Docks, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged and without local business.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have been booked at \$94, and Humphreys' Estates at \$61. Kowloon Lands are easier with sellers at \$31. West Point continues in request at \$46 and Hongkong Hotels at \$106 and \$65 for old and new issues respectively. Shanghai Lands have advanced in the North to \$12.25.

COTTON MILLS.—Hongkong have again been sold at \$6 and continue on offer. Soy Chees are slightly lower at \$14.25, but otherwise the Northern quotations are unchanged.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Borneos have advanced to \$11, but at this rate there are sellers. At the forthcoming meeting of shareholders the General Managers and Consulting Committee of this Company will recommend that a dividend of \$1 per share for 1910 be paid, absorbing \$46,000, that \$8,000 be written off S.S. Mills, \$10,000 off Launches and Lighters, \$5,000 off Engineering Works, \$50,000 off Plant, \$2,879.94 off Hongkong Saw Mills, and \$1,500.76 off Timber Commission. In addition to the above provision for depreciation it is proposed to apply the reserve fund of \$40,000 to the further writing off of the value of the Hongkong Saw Mills, which will then stand at \$1,000.00. China Providents have been booked at \$7, and Green Island Cements at \$2.30 to \$2.50, the latter closing with small buyers at \$2.40. Ropes are on offer at \$17½ and Watson's at \$7. Steam Landry have improved to \$6½ with sales and Union Water Boats to \$63 with sales and further buyers. Lard sales are easier in the North with sales at \$14.15.

REBBER.—The following are closing quotations—middle prices—received from London by wire to-day:—

Highlands and Lowlands ... 110/6
Ladbays ... 74/3
London Asiatics ... 13/6
London Ventures ... 4/-
United Serdangs ... 110/-
Allagars ... 5/-
Batu Tigas ... 55/6
Sapongas ... 53/6
Linggis ... 61/3
Eastern and International Trusts 13/- prem.

POPPY CULTIVATION IN CHINA.

Mr. Lloyd (Staffordshire, W. Opp.) in the House of Commons on the 16th inst. asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he had any recent information respecting the decrease of poppy growth in China, and in which provinces was the decrease, if any, most marked.

Sir E. Grey—Sir Alexander Hosie, who is now making a tour of inspection in the provinces of China, reports that so far as his information goes poppy cultivation has ceased in Hunan, and has been reduced by 30 per cent. in Szechuan and under 25 per cent. in Kansu. In those parts of Szechuan which Sir Alexander Hosie has visited he reports that the suppression of the poppy cultivation appears to have been successfully carried out by the Chinese authorities.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. str. *Hirano Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 24th inst., and is due here on the 27th inst.The Ansei str. *Arakawa Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and is expected here on or about the 27th inst.The N.Y.K. str. *Aki Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and is expected here on the 29th inst.The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* arrived at San Francisco on the 23rd inst.

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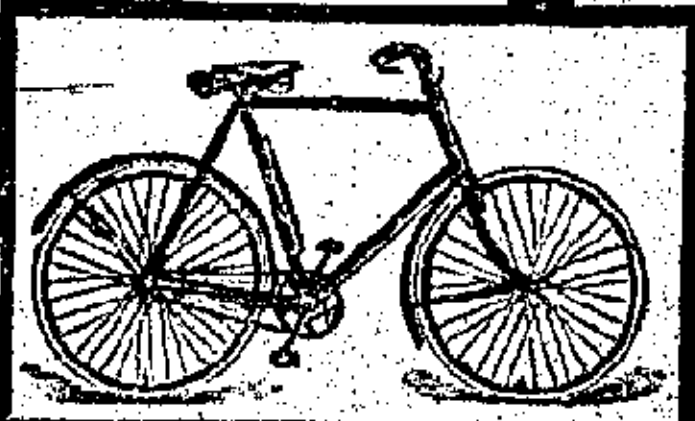
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A FIREPROOF BOX.

A new French case for protecting money, jewels and important papers from fire consists of two asbestos boxes of different size, one being placed within the other and prevented from touching by a number of asbestos blocks. The poorly conducting asbestos and the insulating air space combine to keep the inner box quite cool, while the outer one is strongly heated.

DAZZLING LIGHTS HARMFUL.

The glare of artificial lights has been found by Prof. Gariel, of Paris, to be far more injurious to the eyes than their ultra-violet rays. He urges that the shades used should not only cut out the ultra-violet rays but should diffuse the light so that it will show no dazzling spots to the eyes.

TYPHOID AND FLOODS.

Typhoid fever and other epidemics prove to be diminished by floods, instead of being increased, as has been supposed. The former conclusion has been reached by Jacques Bertillon, a French investigator, after a study of the effects of the great 1910 inundation of Paris and of serious floods in a number of other European cities. Aside from the cleansing action of the water, however, it is probable that after disasters health officers give more thorough attention than ordinarily to disinfection and to isolating cases of disease. Comparing the flooded sections of Paris with those not reached by water, it was found that typhoid fever was rather more prevalent in the latter, and in 54 flooded areas there were 44 deaths in 13 weeks before the flooding and only 24 in the same number of weeks following. In 10 floods in Dresden and 6 in Vienna no increase of typhoid resulted.

TUNNEL WALL LAID BY ROSE.

Encasing a tunnel lining with grouting from a flexible hose has been successfully tried on a Swiss railway. A mixture of 162 pounds of Portland cement to 9 gallons of water was used in a cylindrical vessel holding about 80 gallons, the cement being kept stirred by a hand-revolving paddle, and compressed air at about 78 pounds per square inch was admitted to the cylinder through a pipe entering the top. The lining being perforated with 7 to 9 holes, the water back of it was forced out by a strong blast of air. The cement mixture was then forced through the hose into these holes by the air pressure in the cylinder, and on hardening made the lining quite watertight.

INCREASING INTEREST IN ASTRONOMY.

The astronomical observatories are found by a British astronomer to have increased from 60 officially recognized in 1859 to 330 at the present time. Of these now existing, the United States and the British Empire have 158; Germany, 31; Austria, 16; Italy, 16; Russia, 14; France, 12; and the remainder are scattered in Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Finland, Holland, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the South American republics. The Northern Hemisphere has 12 times as many as the Southern.

PIERS SUNK BY PILE-DRIVE.

The novel plan of sinking concrete piers by means of the old pile-driver seems to have given satisfaction to French Government engineers and others. It is called the "Compressol" system, and is used for preparing solid foundations in loose earth for buildings, bridges, etc. The ground around is consolidated as the sustaining piers are sunk. A conical steel mass, called the "perforator," somewhat less than 3 feet in diameter at the base and rather more than 2 tons in weight, is used in an ordinary pile-driver for making the pier well being repeatedly drawn up by the base and released until a hole in the ground sufficiently deep is formed. The soil immediately outside is solidly compacted. Timbering or shoring of the sides of the excavation are unnecessary, and workmen are not exposed to danger from cave-ins or deleterious gases, as in ordinary digging of deep pits. When the hole is completed, the "rammer" is an acorn-shaped mass of metal 30 inches in diameter and weighing 2 tons—takes the place of the perforator. This rains the bottom of the hole until hard, and compresses the concrete as each layer of about a foot is poured in forcing the material laterally into the soil. The irregular corrugated surface thus given the pier adds much to its supporting capacity. The system is rapid as well as safe, and the compressed wells can be sunk 4 or 5 feet an hour.

LONG DORMANT MEMORY.

Memory handed down through 30 generations is one of the perplexing facts of science. The beaver flung along French rivers until killed off for its fur, but is now known only in about a dozen of its villages in the Rhone near Avignon. For three centuries these villages have had no trees to cut down for dams. The animals were compelled to adopt a new mode of life, and have burrowed in the banks, shaping mud with their tails as usual. Recently some of them were taken by a Polish count to forests on his estates. Very strangely, they resumed the habits dropped three centuries before they were born, and at once began cutting trees and building dams.

STAGE DAYLIGHT.

The stage lighting of Meridiano Fortuna of Venice is a reflection of arc lamp rays from strips of light and dark cloth. The light and dark can be varied, and the reflectors, on rollers, can be moved so as to give the best effects. An arching sky strengthens the illusion of diffused daylight.

THE TELEPHONE IN CHINA.

A member of the Chinese Board of Communications, which controls the telephone system in China, has been expressing himself very enthusiastically in American about the extension of the communication in that country. He said to the interviewer that he believed that every city of sufficient magnitude within the Empire would possess telephone facilities within a very few years, and the American Consul-General in Tientsin, who reports the construction, urges American manufacturers not already in touch with the Board of Communications to send representatives to Peking. The Consul-General himself is strongly impressed with the possibilities of the market for telephones in North China, where the use of electricity is greatly favoured. A trading company in Tientsin has offered to the Consul-General to take up an agency for American manufacturers of electrical supplies.

INCREASED COST OF LIVING.

Nearly all over the world, people are grumbling about the increased cost of living. In England and France, in Australia, in the United States, and many other places, as well as in South Africa, the ordinary housewife says she is finding it harder week by week to make both ends meet.

We fear, alas, that in all too many homes the problem of making ends meet is only answered by some people going without their proper share of food, and everyone knows how dangerous that is.

Good food is essential to health and strength, and we can well pity those who have too little food to eat, but should we not also pity those who, having food, cannot eat and digest it? In either case, it means weakness and subsequent ill-health, but with those who cannot digest their food, it means present suffering, for they already have that most common and most serious complaint—indigestion. You may have indigestion in different forms, but you cannot mistake the symptoms: a distaste for food, pains after eating, a furrowed tongue, headaches, bilious attacks, fits of nervous depression, constipation, dizziness, shortness of breath, palpitation, wind, and a "lagged out" feeling due to a debilitated system.

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CHAPTER XII. THE FORBIDDEN ISLE.

A small house-boat was moving slowly in a Northerly direction over the central part of the Inland Sea. In was evening, and the heavens were dyed with the hues of a glorious sunset, and the waters were flooded with subdued reflections of prismatic light; while far ahead in the dim distance of the horizon the last rays of the fast-sinking sun rested upon a solitary island which glimmered like a jewel upon the glassy sea. Coming from that direction was a trailing junk whose amber-coloured sails idly fluttered amidst the light and shade, and quivering upon the silent depths, quickly darkened with the deepening gloom; and between this craft, and the remote island was the golden gleam of yet another sail.

The house-boat's lateen sail was hauled down as there was no wind, but the vessel was being propelled by means of a large yuloh pushed over the stern and worked by a venerable-looking man and a youth who crouched at the stern and on the forward deck of the boat sat Gay Merton, who was now dressed in the flowing kimono of a Japanese gentleman.

Nearly six weeks had elapsed since his departure from Nagasaki, and during that time he had not seen anything of Uena, though he had frequently heard of her and been able to trace her movements. For she was far better known than he had supposed, particularly on the southern shores of the Inland Sea, where her first success as a singer had been achieved; and, although only seen at long intervals, her fame had gradually spread abroad and the people spoke of her as "Uena, the Geisha Queen." Yet she was as much a mystery to them as to him, and many of the simple-minded fisher folk regarded her in a superstitious light and spoke of her voice and her beauty as supernatural; and some told strange stories of her wealth and her beneficence and a few declared that she came from an enchanted isle in the middle of the Inland Sea.

It was strange, this mysterious life that Merton was now approaching after long days of searching, for he was determined to see for himself whether there was any truth in the strange and rumour-like stories he had heard concerning her dwelling-place. He had traced her from place to place—though always arriving a few days after she had left—and had just heard of her at a seaside town called Kokoro, so it seemed probable that she had gone out to sea.

After leaving Nagasaki he had gone by rail straight to Mori and from there round the coast to the Eastern terminus at Uppu. Not planning any halting of her at either of those places, not at the intervening stations, he had returned to Mori, where he stayed one evening to see her photograph on some old posters outside a theatre and learned from the manager that she had sung there five days previously and had gone on to Fukuoka. At the latter town he arrived three days too late, and it so happened that he always missed her in this manner during the rest of the journey to the coast.

He was now leisurely scanning the approaching junk through his binocular glasses. It was a fairly large vessel and was being yulohed, with the weird chant of the men and the creaking of the long oars they were working could be heard distinctly. When they were within speaking distance of one another, he stood up and spoke in Japanese to the skipper who was leaning over the rail of the high-raised poop.

"Calm weather, Captain—where are you from?"

"From Akoshi, my master, bound to Hiji with a cargo of cotton yarn."

"Do you think we shall have any wind to-night?"

"Not more than a gentle breeze, my master. The night-wind generally comes from the West."

"Is that a fishing junk yonder?" pointing to the distant sail.

"It seems, my master, like a small passenger boat; but I think there are only two persons on board of her."

Merton's heart gave a bound of expectation. "A man and a woman, Captain?"

"Yes, my master," and the skipper laughed gruffly. "The woman is as pretty as a picture—but the man looks like a pirate; he has the face of a monkey."

Merton smiled and waved his hand. "Sayonara, Captain—a pleasant voyage to you."

"The same to you, my master—Sayonara!" The junk passed on to the southward, and Merton—who felt sure that Uena and Katsura were in the vessel ahead—told the old man and the boy to yuloh as fast as they could. But their arms were tired, for they had been toiling at this oar nearly all day; and although hours had passed and that remote speck of canvas had changed from white to silver and from silver to gold, yet it seemed as distant as ever and would soon altogether fade from sight. Nevertheless they brightened up for a while and singing their monotonous chant redoubled their efforts, and the old man pointed hopefully towards the west, where a light mist hovered upon the horizon.

Night soon fell, shutting out from their view the departing junk and the sail of the other vessel, but there was a full moon and the atmosphere was so clear that it was possible to see a considerable distance. Being the middle of November, the nights were cold and inclined to be frosty, though the days were fairly warm; so Merton put on a tunic lined with silver-fox skin and took his place at the yuloh, for he was determined to follow Uena and see if she landed on the island.

Presently a breeze came rippling along out of the west, and the sail was hoisted. Fortunately the boat was a fast one and soon began to throw the spray over her weather bow; and after the man and boy had rested themselves and had their evening meal of rice and fish, during which time Merton took the tiller, they still further increased the speed by again working the yuloh.

"She flies like a gull, my master!" exclaimed the old man, hauling the sheet in a little.

"But the breeze freshens too fast to last long."

"Will it last us to the island?" asked Merton.

"Yes, my master, it will do that. For she makes a good seven knots an hour, and the island was not more than eight miles distant at sundown."

Onward they sped through the moonlight, and over an hour passed without anything being sighted. Then the island loomed into view pale and silvery on the lee bow.

Merton now went below to warm himself at a small charcoal stove and have some refreshment; and while he was there he heard a sudden shout, and the boy opened the door and inserted his head.

"The boat, my master!" he cried excitedly, hurrying away to rejoin the old man at the yuloh.

Snatching up his glasses, Merton went on deck and at once caught sight of the island, which was close ahead, and the black hull of the boat whose sail had been lowered as it had run out of the breeze and entered a region of calm, the waters in the vicinity of the island being as still and glassy as a frozen lake. But the small craft was making good way, being yulohed vigorously, and was still too far distant for those on board to be distinguished at all plainly.

Soon afterwards Merton perceived a huge stone fort or gateway, like those he had seen in Shinto temples, rising out of the water in front of the island, and in the middle of it—suspended from the top—hung a large orb of polished metal which reflected the brightness of the moon.

"What is that?" he asked the old man, handing him his glasses.

"That, my master, is the great gong of the island," was the reply, "and no boat can approach the island without passing under that great way, and something the going."

"Why is that?"

"Well, my master, a reef surrounds the island on all sides, and—"

At that moment a deep sonorous sound boomed across the waters and was repeated thrice, the noise being so great as to drown the voice of the speaker. And as Merton turned with a start he saw that the other boat had passed through the archway.

"They have sounded the gong, my master," said the old man, "and have passed the barrier."

"And we," said Merton, "will pass in after them."

"No, my master, that may not be," answered the seaman, shaking his head and smiling grimly. "That is a forbidden island, and I know no man who has ever been there. It is a strange and secret place. More I do not know, but this boat may not pass through the gateway."

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Merton. "Yonder boat has passed through!"

"That is true, my master, but those in it must belong to the island, for they have entered boldly and have made known their coming."

"And we will enter boldly!"

"No, no, my master," and the old man hauled down the sail, for they were now in the calm waters and no breath of air ruffled the mirror-like surface. "I have brought you to this island, but my boat may not pass beyond the barrier."

"Not if I pay for you extra?"

The old man shook his head sagely and again smiled.

"My hair is grey and my body feeble, but when my time comes I would find rest among my native hills and among the bones of my humble ancestors who were all good seamen who sailed these seas. But they were wise men and none of them left their backs on yonder reef or their bones on gondo island."

"Very well," said Merton doggedly, "then I must get ashore as best I can—but ashore I will go! Find me the narrowest part of the lagoon."

As they drew still nearer to the mysterious island, he was struck with its singular beauty. Forest trees festooned with creepers and having a thick undergrowth of semi-tropical vegetation flanked the shore on every side and the beach was of a light coloured sand which gleamed like silver in the moonlight; and between the island and the jagged reef which surrounded it was a deep lagoon whose shadowy waters were never disturbed by the wintry gales which at times swept across the Inland Sea.

Before they arrived at the colossal gateway which guarded the passage through the reef, the old man gave the long oar a sudden turn which deflected the course of the boat causing it to skirt the margin of the rocks without going too near.

No sound came from the island, yet the old seaman appeared nervous and distrustful and kept a vigilant eye upon the dark woods along the shore at the same time endeavouring to dissuade Merton from his rash enterprise and frequently cautioning him that their movements would be closely watched. But he paid little heed to these well-meant warnings, being determined to get to the bottom of the mystery which surrounded Uena's life; and when at length they arrived at a spot on the north-western side of the island where the lagoon was narrowest he prevailed

upon the old man to steer the boat close up to the reef and there hold it fast with a bosthook.

Having examined that part of the island through his glasses, and finding everything quiet and satisfactory, he went into the small cabin for the purpose of divesting himself of his clothing, as he intended to swim ashore.

"Ah, my master," said the old sailor, shrewdly shaking his head, "it is a bold venture, but a foolhardy one. I have entreated you not to risk your precious life upon that forbidden island, but my words have fallen upon ears which have not deigned to hear. As that is the case, my master, and as you may be prevented from returning to this boat, it would be well for me if you would graciously condescend to remunerate me for my humble services."

Merton at once counted out the passage money agreed upon, adding to it a substantial bonus and a couple of yen for the boy; for they had both worked well and served him willingly.

"Here, my good man," he said, handing the silver to the older seaman. "This is for yourself and this for the boy. You need not wait just here, for if I come back it will be through the great archway. So you can lay off the northern entrance for three days. If you do not hear from me by then, you may return to Kokoro and post this letter. Take care of the few things I have left, as I may want them."

"Thank you, thank you, my master," said the old man, bowing with all humility and speaking in guarded tones as though afraid of being heard from the shore. "We are both grateful to you for your gracious benevolence and will obey your commands with cheerfulness. May the gods preserve you, my master: we will pray for you!"

Merton now took off his clothes, and placing his loaded revolver, some cartridges, a flask of neat brandy and his watch and cigarette case with them, rolled them into a small bundle which he strapped securely to the top of his head.

Having done this, he stepped on deck and stood for a moment or two shivering in the moonlight, while the old man and boy rubbed some sweet oil upon him.

"Swim slowly, my master, and swim fast, or you may get the cramp. For the water is cold and deep."

Merton took a last searching look at the spot where he intended to land, and as nothing aroused his suspicion he clambered out on the reef, and waving adieu to those in the boat quickly let himself down into the waters of the lagoon and struck out boldly for the shore.

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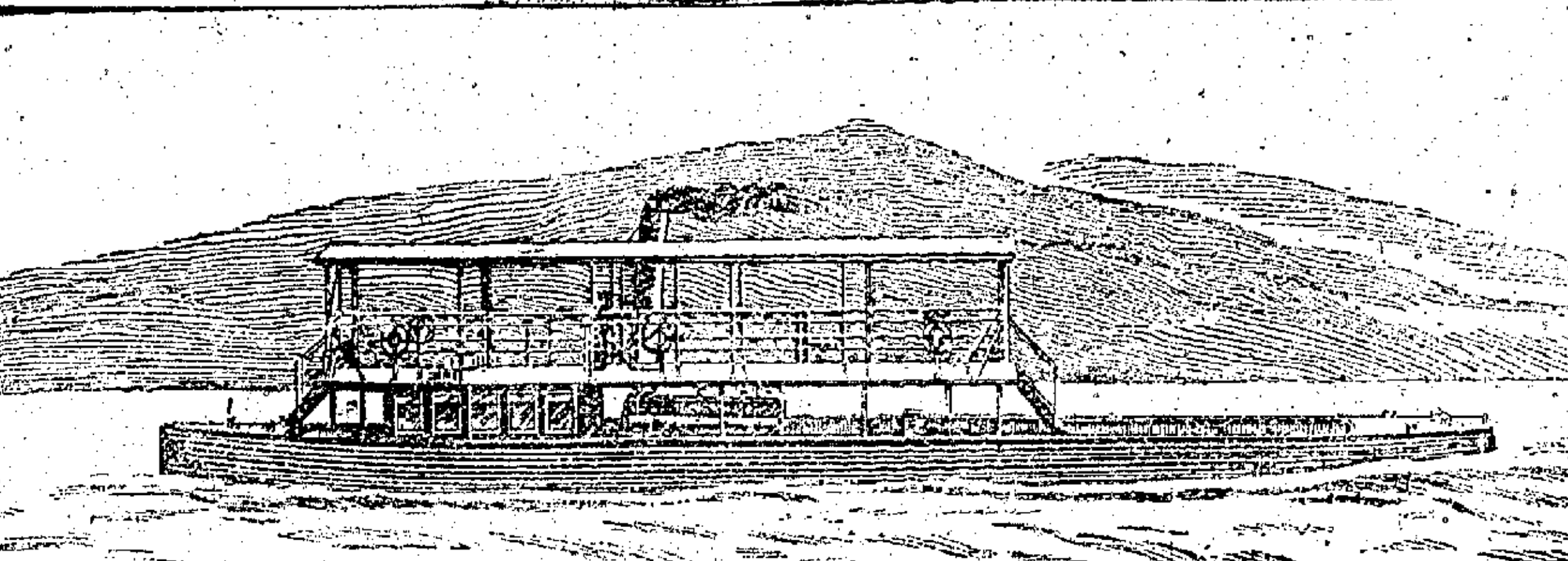
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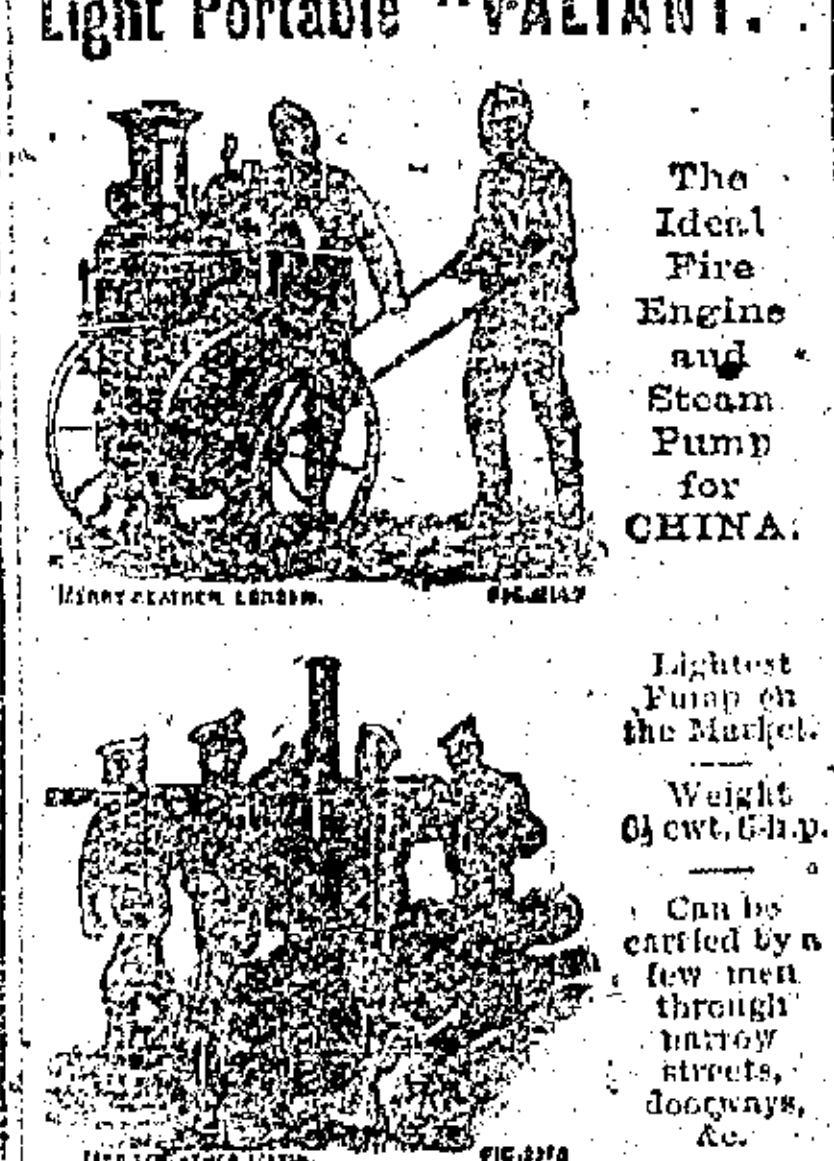


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The Making of Anthea. By ARABELLA KENNELLY. London: John Long, Limited.

This is one of the books the reader clings with a sigh. The story is original. It is powerfully and graphically written, and interest and sympathy are quickened as the story unfolds. It relates the experiment of a doctor, who brought up his ward from childhood to womanhood without learning to read and without acquiring that learning which the present age has deemed suitable for woman. He hopes to see realised in her perfect motherhood, but the doctor and his friend to whose son Anthea had been betrothed from tender years, overlooked the most important factor of life—love, with the result that between them they well nigh ruin the lives of the two young people concerned. Anthea found on her wedding night that she did not care for her husband as a wife should, and accordingly left him. Meanwhile she discovers her love for Farnham, and their union is made possible by the death of the young husband who had gone to Western Africa, and contracted fever.

List of the Higher Metropolitan and Provincial Authorities of China. Hongkong: Kelly & Walsh.

This useful compilation by the Chinese Secretaries of H. B. M.'s Legation at Peking has been corrected by Mr. H. Phillips, the Assistant Chinese Secretary, and reprinted. To all whose duties bring them into relations with the higher officials of China this list is very useful.

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Charity and the Navy. By LIONEL YEXLEY. London: Office of "The Fleet."

In this brochure Mr. Lionel Yexley, whose knowledge of British naval affairs is unquestioned, exposes what he describes as a national scandal. He challenges the work done by Miss Weston in the name of the British sailor and declares that the money subscribed by the British people for her charities is practically unnecessary and also that it does not go as far as it should. He suggests that too much is devoted to advertising. The author does not attempt to impugn the *bona fides* of Miss Weston, whom he admits is well meaning, but dissatisfaction with her methods has grown. Mr. Yexley asks that the Service may itself have an opportunity of expressing its opinion on the work done by Miss Weston, and this brochure gives some idea of what Mr. Yexley means by the opinion of the Service.

CHURCH SERVICES.

PRAX CHURCH—Holy Communion 8 a.m. every Sunday.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 28th March, 4th Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses, Psalms, Venite, Hallelujah, of the 28th morning; Benedictus; Arnold, Arnes and Arnold; Benedictus; Trinitarian; ymas 103, 633 and 634. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Responses, Psalms, of the 28th evening; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; One in Faith; "Aspensthe art" Spelt; Hymns, 634 (Tune 620), 245, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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St. Patrick's Church, Queen's Road West, 4th Sunday in Lent, 28th March, 1911. 11 a.m. Venite, Hallelujah; Paulus, Baker, Arnes, Greene; Hallelujah; To Deum, Lawes, Cooke, Hopkins; Benedictus, G. retz; Hymns, 276, 347, 154, 236; 6.30 p.m.; Psalms, Hallelujah (Major and minor); Magnificat, araby (18th a.m.); Kyrie, Vincent; Hymns, 127, 237, 518, 537; Holy Communion, 7.30 p.m.

The Church Laid "Dayspring" will call on yeas is carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the Services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6; returning afterwards) The "Answering Pennant" is the call flag. All the sailings are free and unimpeded. Visitors welcome. Books, etc., provided. Sunday 10 to 10.45 a.m.

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Hongkong, 33rd February, 1911.

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FOR PORTLAND VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO.)

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL
"HERCULES"	3,789	Wilhelmsen	On 10th April
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FRED J. HALTON, AGENT.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1911.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c. THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO		Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON		Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due PLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer	Tons	I.P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer	Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
DEVANHA ...	8000	April 1	MOLDAVIA...	10000	April 29	May 5
DELHI	8000	April 15	MONGOLIA...10000		May 13	May 19
ASSAYE	7500	April 29	MOREA	11000	May 27	June 2
DELTA	8000	May 13	MOOLTAN ...10000		June 10	June 16

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LONDON

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

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Tonnage	about	about
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* BORNEO	4600	April 19
* SICILIA	6700	May 3
* SUMATRA	4600	May 17
* NILE	6700	June 31

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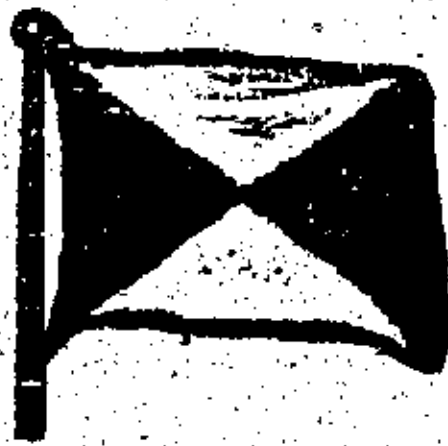
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PHILIPPINES S.S. CO.

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RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	On 30th Mar., 4 p.m.
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	On 10th April, 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 21st March, 1911.

PHILIPPINES S.S. Co. [13]

EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.

COPENHAGEN, SINGAPORE, BANGKOK and SHANGHAI.

RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.,

ST. PETERSBURG and VLADIVOSTOK.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
COPENHAGEN and BALTIC PORTS	"CATHAY"	About 20th April.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"ARABIA"	About end of April.

For Further Particulars, apply to

MELOCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1911.

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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, PALMA, and YOKOHAMA	Capt. E. W. Cockman, R.N.B.	About 26th Mar.	Freight only
SHANGHAI	DELHI	About 30th Mar.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON via USUAL PORTS	DEVANHA	Noon, 1st April	See Special of Call
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and PORT SAID	Capt. H. Powell	April	Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, SICILIA, and YOKOHAMA	Capt. C. W. Watkins, R.N.B.	About 8th April	Freight and Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to
H. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, 25th March, 1911.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW, TSINGTAU & CHEFOO	YUNNAN	On 25th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHINHUA	On 26th Mar., Noon.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	KAIFONG	On 26th Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	ANHUI	On 30th Mar., 4 P.M.
NEWCHANG	NANCHANG	On 31st Mar., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	On 1st April, 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	TAMING	On 4th April, 4 P.M.
DAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	TAIYUAN	On 10th April, 4 P.M.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS. [10]

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 25th Mar., 2 P.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	HANGSANG	Sunday, 26th Mar., 10 Light.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA LAISANG		Tuesday, 28th Mar., Noon.
TIENTSIN	CHUPHSHING	Tuesday, 28th Mar., Noon.

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GENERAL MANAGER. [15]

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	S.S. RHEINFELS ... 22nd April
	FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
	S.S. SENEGAMBIA ... 24th April
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	S.S. BELGRAVIA ... 10th May

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Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1911. [12]

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AND RETURN.
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"HAICHANG"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at 11 A.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 31st Mar., at 11 A.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. S. Rosch	TUESDAY, 4th April, at 11 A.M.

For SWATOW AND RETURN, (Occupying 3 Days).

STEAMSHIPS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAIMUN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	SUNDAY, 26th Mar., at 10 A.M.
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Hongkong, 25th March, 1911. [9]

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Fraser	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 29th Mar., at Daylight
	TANGO MARU Capt. K. Kawara	8,000	WEDNESDAY, 12th April, at Daylight
	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 25th April, at Daylight
	SADO MARU Capt. J. Richards	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 25th April, from KOBE
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE	INABA MARU Capt. Tominaga	7,000	TUESDAY, 28th March, at Noon.
SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. K. Noda	7,000	TUESDAY, 25th April, at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6,000	FRIDAY, 14th April, at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	5,000	FRIDAY, 12th March, at Noon.
	BINGO MARU Capt. S. J. G. Parsons	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 29th March, at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU Capt. K. Honma	6,000	THURSDAY, 30th March, at 11 A.M.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	CEYLON MARU Capt. Fred. Pyne	7,000	TUESDAY, 4th April, at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 12th April, at Noon.

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PASSENGER SEASON, 1911.

SAILINGS AND PASSAGE RATES FROM HONGKONG.

To MARSEILLES and LONDON via SUEZ CANAL.

Steamers.	Tons.	Leave H.K.	RATES OF PASSAGE.
HIRANO MARU	9000	29th Mar.	1st Class \$ Y. 550.00
TANGO	8000	12th April	2nd Class \$ 325.00
KAMO	9000	25th April	3rd Class \$ 200.00
AKI	7000	10th May	1st Class \$ 500.00
MISHIMA	7000	24th May	2nd Class \$ 300.00
KAGA	7000	7th June	3rd Class \$ 195.00

To London, per New Steamer.

Steamers.	Tons.	Leave H.K.	RATES OF PASSAGE.
INABA MARU	7000	28th Mar.	To Pacific Coast Common Points: 1st Class \$ 430, 2nd Class \$ 321
TAMBA	7000	25th April	To London via New York: 1st Class \$ 460, 2nd Class \$ 359
AWA	7000	23rd May	
INABA	7000	20th June	

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

STEAMERS.	TONS.	SAILING DATES.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 24th April, at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 29th April, at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY, 27th May, at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 9th June, at 1 P.M.
MANCHURIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 24th June, at 1 P.M.
MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY, 15th July, at 1 P.M.
KOREA	18,000	FRIDAY, 11th Aug., at 1 P.M.
SIBERIA	18,000	FRIDAY, 26th Aug., at 1 P.M.

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THE P.M. S.S. "MANCHURIA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 8th April, at 1 P.M.

FARES: HONGKONG TO LONDON £71 10s. 0d. RETURN, SIX MONTHS, £120; 24 MONTHS, £125; INCLUDING BERTH AND MEALS ACROSS AMERICA.

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INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

CHINA	10,200 Tons	FRIDAY, 31st March, at 1 P.M.
ASIA	9,500 Tons	FRIDAY, 21st April, at 1 P.M.
PERSIA	9,000 Tons	FRIDAY, 19th May, at 1 P.M.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, KING'S BUILDING (opposite Blake Pier).

FRE J. J. HALTON, AGENT. [43]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
CHIYO MARU	21,000	W. W. Greene	FRIDAY, April 14th, 1 P.M.
AMERICA MARU	11,000	A. G. Stevens	FRIDAY, May 5th, 1 P.M.
TENYO MARU	21,000	E. Bent	FRIDAY, May 12th, 1 P.M.
NIPPON MARU	11,000	H. S. Smith	FRIDAY, June 2nd, 1 P.M.

† Triple Screws, turbine engines. * Twin Screws.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.
THE Triple Screw Steamer "CHIYO MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 14th April, at 1 P.M.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
BUYO MARU	10,500	K. Hashimoto	WEDNESDAY, April 19th, 1 P.M.
HONGKONG MARU	11,000	H. Hinojima	SATURDAY, June 17th, 1 P.M.
KIYO MARU	17,500	H. Nishi	TUESDAY, Aug. 15th, 1 P.M.

THE Steamer "BUYO MARU" will be despatched for MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO and CORONEL on WEDNESDAY, 19th April, at 1 P.M.

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"	£ 120-0-0, Return 6 Months
"	£ 125-0-0, " 24 "
" SALINA CRUZ or MANZANILLO	Yen. 420.00, Single
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"DAIGI MARU" SUNDAY, 26th Mar., at 10 A.M.

"SOSHU MARU" TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at 10 A.M.

"SEIBETORO MARU" TUESDAY, 28th Mar., at 5 P.M.

"CHOSHUN MARU" FRIDAY, 31st Mar., at 8 A.M.

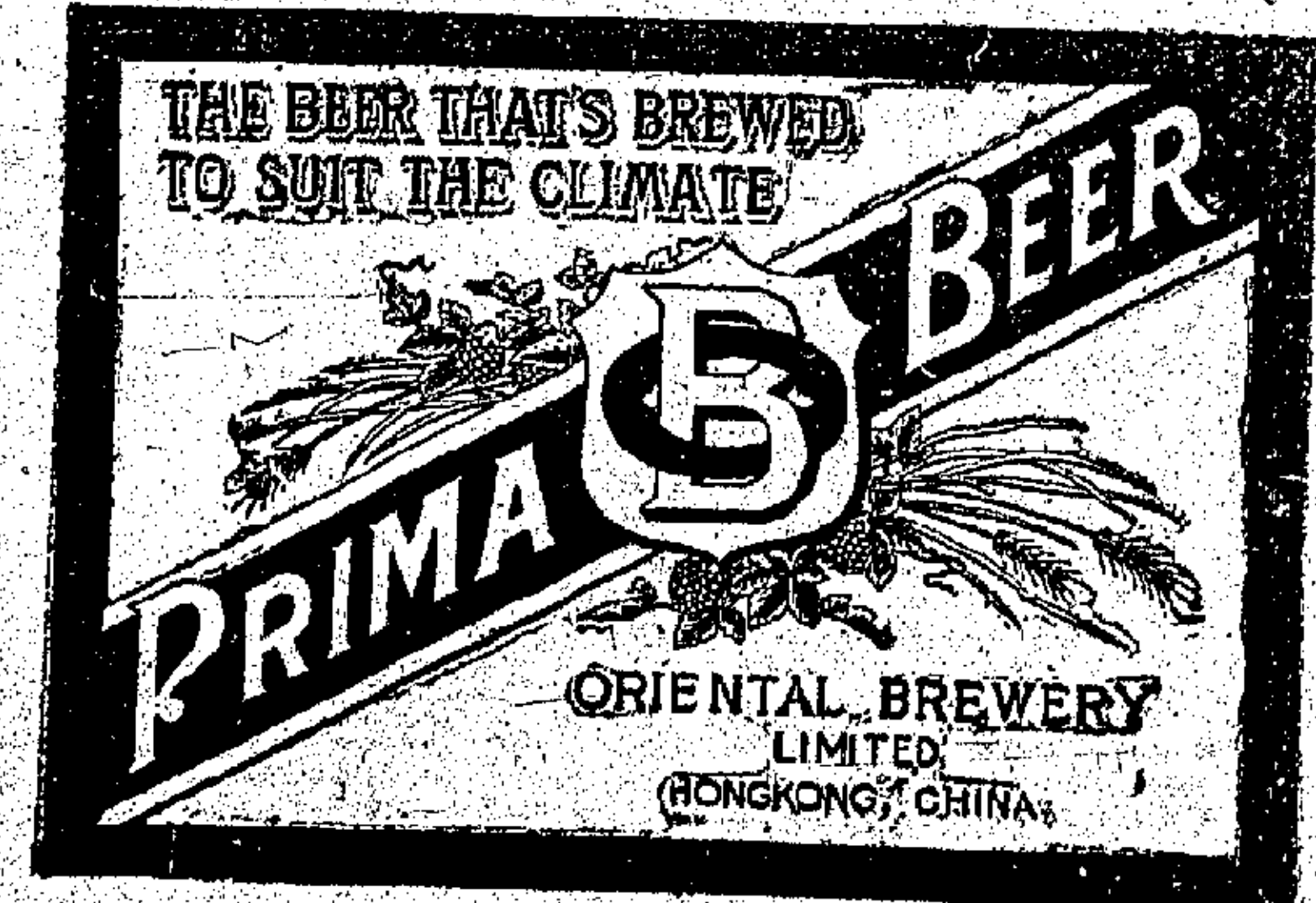
For information of Freight, Passage, Sailings, etc., apply at the Co's Local

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The *Aghui*, with the Siberian Mail, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

The *Ville de la Ciotat*, with the French Mail of the 24th February, left Saigon on Friday, the 24th instant at noon, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 27th inst.

FOR	PER	DATE
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	H.M.S. <i>Flora</i>	Saturday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	<i>Sesaga mbia</i>	Saturday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	<i>Tjiluwang</i>	Saturday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	<i>Peleus</i>	Saturday, 25th, Noon
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	<i>Doongang</i>	Saturday, 25th, 1.00 P.M.
Saigon	<i>Yui Hai</i>	Saturday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	<i>Yunnan</i>	Saturday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Tsingtao and Chefoo	<i>Andria</i>	Saturday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore	<i>Plempenh</i>	Saturday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Singapore and Bangkok	<i>Loosel</i>	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	<i>Haryuang</i>	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	<i>Flintshire</i>	Saturday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.

Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Yap, Amang, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Hobeortebbe, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	<i>Coblenz</i>	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	<i>Hotman</i>	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	<i>Deigi Maru</i>	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
(SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)	<i>Chishua</i>	Sunday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	<i>Hanoi</i>	Monday, 27th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	<i>Sui Tai</i>	Monday, 27th, 1.15 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	<i>Ville de la Ciotat</i>	Monday, 27th, 4.00 P.M.
(SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE)		
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama, Victoria B.C. and Seattle Wash.	<i>Inaba Maru</i>	Tuesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	<i>Haiching</i>	Tuesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	<i>Lansang</i>	Tuesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Tientsin	<i>Chipsing</i>	Tuesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.

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NOTICE

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IN pursuance of Section 6 of the Company's Articles of Association, the Directors have decided to issue 3,000 un-allotted Shares (being the balance of 15,000 Shares authorised to be issued under the Company's Articles of Association).

The 3,000 un-allotted Shares will be issued at 20% premium (i.e., \$12 per Share for each fully paid up \$10 Share).

Shareholders whose names appear in the Company's Register, are entitled to One new Share for every Four Shares registered in their names on the 11th day of April, 1911.

Applications for the New Issue should be sent to the Secretary of the Company on or before the 11th of April, 1911, together with cheques in payment thereof, as after that date the Directors will proceed to dispose of all new Shares not applied for without further notice, on such terms and conditions as they may think fit.

The new issue will be entitled to participate in the profits of the Company as from the 1st day of January, 1911.

The Transfer Book of the Company will be closed from the 11th to the 18th April, 1911.

By Order,

A. CHARLTON,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1911.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S.S. Co. str. *Asia* sailed from San Francisco on the 15th instant for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 12th prox.

The P. M. S.S. Co. str. *Mongolia* sailed from San Francisco on the 21st inst. for Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 21st prox.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The E. & A. str. *Empire* left Sydney on the 16th inst. for this port (via Queensland ports, Port Darwin, Timor and Manila).

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Monteagle* arrived at Yokohama at 11.30 a.m. on the 24th inst., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 8 p.m. on the 25th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. *Ville de la Ciotat*, with the French Mail of the 25th ultimo, and mails from London of the 25th ultimo, left Saigon on the 24th inst., at noon, and is expected to arrive here on the 27th instant, at daylight.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Apsara str. Japan from Calcutta left Singapore on the 22nd instant afternoon, and may be expected here on or about the 27th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The H.A. Line str. *Amelia* left Shanghai on the 21st instant a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The "Shire" Line str. *Flintshire* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 18th instant, at 7 a.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Palma* left Singapore for this port on the 20th instant, at 1.30 p.m., and is due here to-day at about 4 p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. *Daigo Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and is expected here on the 23rd instant.

The Mogul Line str. *Pathan* left United Kingdom on the 12th instant for Hongkong via Straits.

The T.K.K. str. *Buyo Maru* from South American Ports via Honolulu, arrived at Yokohama on the 19th inst., and left for this port on the 22nd inst. afternoon, via Kobe and Moji, and is due to arrive here on or about the 23d prox.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	March 24th
ON LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	124
Bank Bills, on demand	124
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	124
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	124
Credits, at 4 months' sight	124
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	124
ON PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	226
Credits, at 4 months' sight	230
ON GERMANY—	
On demand	185
ON NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	43
Credits, at 60 days' sight	44
ON BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	133
ON CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	133
ON SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	74
Private, 30 days' sight	75
ON YOKOHAMA—	
On demand—Pases	57
ON SINGAPORE—	
On demand	107
ON HAITHONG—	
On demand	1
ON SAIGON—	
On demand	84
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	\$1.10
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$57.70
BAR SILVER, per oz.	24.4
SUBSIDIARY COINS.	
Chinese, 20 cents pieces	\$6.45 discount
Chinese, 10 " "	\$6.52
Hongkong, 10 " "	\$6.58
Hongkong, 10 " "	\$6.71

SHARE LIST—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 24TH, 1911.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$880, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$84.10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$11, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$1, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sales
COTTON MILLS—				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 85, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$6, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 48, buyers
Loan-Kang-Mow & Co. Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 59, buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 22, buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7	\$6	\$19, sales
DOCK AND WHARVES—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$52, sellers
Hongkong and Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$54, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 65, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 94, buyers
Penwick & Co., Limited	48,000	\$25	\$25	\$5, buyers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$200, buyers
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$22, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$106, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	8,000	\$50	\$25	\$56, buyers
Manila Metropole Hotel	15,000	Pa. 10	Pa. 10	\$10, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$156, buyers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$17, sellers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	\$7	\$7, sellers
INSURANCES—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$180, sales
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$119, sales
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.35	\$25	\$12, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$355, sellers
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$25	\$5	Tls. 152, buy.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$840, buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$207, buyers
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$94, buyers
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$51, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$31, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 99, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$46, buyers
MINING—				
Societe Francaise des Charbons du Tonkin	16,000	Les. 250	all	\$700, buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$13, buyers
Poek Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$13, buyers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$8, buyers
REFINERIES—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$103, sales
Lessen Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	\$50	\$20, buyers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, buyers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES—				
China and Manchuria Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$94, buyers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$15	\$19, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$15	\$15	\$293, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 prof.	\$25	all	60, bu. £5.75
Shanghai & Peking Navigation Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$0, buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$25, buyers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$64, sales
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$7	\$7	\$10, buyers
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$12, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$300, buyers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$64, buyers
RUBBER—				
Para Rubber in London				6/8 per lb. sellers
Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.
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NOTICE.

11.30 A.M.—Twenty-Second Ordinary Annual Meeting of Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.
3 P.M.—Auction of Valuable Household Property at Sales Room, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammett.
8 P.M.—Annual Dinner of Devonian Society, at Hongkong Hotel.
9 P.M.—O. Radio Concert, by Milla Gauthier at Theatre Royal.

TO-MORROW.
2 P.M.—Hongkong Aviation Week, Flying at Shatin, Kowloon.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.
Monday, 27th March—Auction of Crown Land at Kennedy Rd., by Public Works Dept. 3 P.M.
Tuesday, 28th March—Eighty-First Ordinary Yearly Meeting of The China-Borneo Co., Ltd. 12.15 P.M.
Tuesday, 28th March—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture at No. 2, The Peak (Quarantine), by Mr. Geo. P. Lammett. 2.30 P.M.
Wednesday, 29th March—Auction of Valuable Household Furniture at No. 1, Magdalen Terrace, Magazine Gap, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammett. 2.45 P.M.
Saturday, 1st April—Annual Dinner of Oxford and Cambridge Dinner, at Hongkong Club. 7.45 P.M.
Tuesday, 4th April—Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Noon.
Thursday, 6th April—Bandmann Opera Co. at Theatre Royal—"The Balkan Princess." 9 P.M.
Wednesday, 22nd April—Thirty-Eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. Noon.
Wednesday, 26th April—Forty-Fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd. 12.30 P.M.
Saturday, 24th June—Extraordinary General Meeting of the National Bank of China, Ltd. 12.30 P.M.

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OPIMUM.

	March 20th
Malwa New	\$2,350/2,400 per picul
Malwa Old	\$2,410/2,420
Malwa Older	\$2,430/2,450
Malwa Y. Old	\$2,460/2,500
Foreign fine quality	\$1,200/1,400
Foreign extra fine	\$2,050
Patna New	per chest
Patna Old	\$2,050
Benares New	\$2,425
Benares Old	

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Febr. 21st—C.F. *Laurel*, Cathay, Flintshire, Laertes. 24th—*Balgavia*, *Idoneus*, *Kintock*, *Palma*, *Schofield*, *Sunda*. 25th—*Bonanza*, *Bintang*. March 3rd—*Bonowich*, *Indrasana*, *Potroclus*, *himaya*, *Ville de la Ciotat*, *Indra*, *Sachan*. 7th—*Ali*, *Maru*, *Memon*, *Suevia*. 10th—*Agamemnon*, *Nubia*, *Monmouth*, *shire*, *Stentor*. 14th—*Benavon*, *Caledonia*, *Ohna*, *Dare Castle*, *Sicilia*, *Tenzak*, *Aradia*. 17th—*Jason*, *Lothian*, *Miyasaki*, *Maru*, *Prins*, *Edel Friedrich*, *Prins Ludwig*. 21st—*Benlar*, *ig*, *Hlas*, *Mishima*, *Maru*, *Sigovis*, *Armenia*, *Neckar*, *Tourane*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.
March 21st—*Slavonia*.

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